

Ireland, on the 11th of June last. The Division lists are now printed, and they suggest the inference, either that the standard was high, or that most of the candidates over-estimated their own attainments. They also show the strong tendency which has often been noticed to overlook certain elementary subjects with which all educated persons ought to be familiar. There were 87 candidates entered, but, owing to illness, withdrawals, and other causes, only 72 underwent examination—45 seniors and 27 juniors. Of these 23 passed, or less than one third, nearly all of them answering satisfactorily on their special subjects of study, but failing in the preliminary examination. Of the senior candidates, 18 passed, or two in five, and of the junior five, or between a fifth and a sixth. Of those who succeeded, the Province of Leinster furnished 11, Ulster 7, Connaught 3, and Munster 1; the remaining one was a lad from Durham in England, who had been at school near Dublin. The following analysis of the failures show the subjects which the 49 unsuccessful candidates ought to have known better and exhibits also the degree of attention paid to them respectively. In analysis and parsing of English, 39 failed; in writing from dictation, 33; in general geography, 31; and in arithmetic, 4. The causes of failure are shown in notes appended to a supplementary table, in which the candidates are represented, not by names, but by their respective numbers. Thus revelations of a personal kind are avoided, while the facts are given. The very occurrence of these examinations is a step in advance, and it is not unlikely that in 1862 the percentage of successful candidates may be more than doubled.

— **UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.**—The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon Lord Brougham, Sir J. Shaw Leveque, Sir James Emerson Tennant, and M. Michel Chevalier, of Paris, by the University of Dublin, at its late commencement.

— **COST OF NATIONAL EDUCATION IN IRELAND.**—A return, which has been issued from the office of the Board of National Education, states that the sums voted by parliament for the purpose of national education in Ireland, from the commencement of the system to the end of the year 1860, amount in the whole to £3,317,964. The local contributions in aid of teachers' salaries were £43,961 in 1860, and there are also other local contributions in support of the system. No less than 4973 schools have been built without parliamentary aid. The Queen's University in Ireland, following the example set by Oxford and Cambridge, has lately instituted a system of local examinations, the details of which will be found below. Seventy-two candidates underwent examination, of whom 45 were seniors, and 27 juniors.

— **IRISH NATIONAL SCHOOLS.**—From a parliamentary return just issued it appears that the number of pupils on the rolls of the Irish National schools for the last quarter of 1860, and whose religious denominations had been ascertained, was 548,138 of whom 30,863 belonged to the Established Church, 455,582 were Roman Catholics, 59,086 Presbyterians, leaving 2,607 others. The total number on the rolls within the year is estimated at 804,000.

— **KING'S COLLEGE, WINDSOR, NOVA SCOTIA.**—We learn with great pleasure from the *Halifax Church Record*, that the late Chas. Inglis, Esq., the son of one bishop of Nova Scotia, and the grandson of another, has bequeathed the Clermont estate to King's College, Windsor, together with one thousand volumes of books, and also made the institution his residuary gagee. He has also devised a valuable farm to the Church at Aylesford for the especial sustenance of the clergyman and the support of the Sunday-school. The bequest to the College is to be specially appropriated to the support and encouragement of young men preparing for holy orders. —W. K. Reynolds, Esq., lately deceased, has also granted £1000 to the poor of the churches of St. Paul, St. Luke, and St. Matthew, in Halifax; £500 to the National School; £500 to the Acadian School, for free scholarships to the poor; and £500 to the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb.

— **EDUCATION IN INDIA.**—Sir George Clerk, the Governor of Bombay, has issued a minute on the education report of Mr. Howard for 1859-60. His Excellency does not agree with Mr. Howard that the English schools have been "starved to benefit the vernacular," as they receive a sum of 155,389 rupees out of the total grant of 372,440 rupees. The number of schools in Bombay, chiefly vernacular, increased from 291 in 1855 to 761 in 1860, and the number of pupils in the same period from 23,681 to 44,166. In Bengal the number of schools, chiefly English, increased from 147 in 1855 to 592 in 1860, and the scholars numbered, in 1855, 12,865, to 40,366 in 1860. This progress, which has been equally rapid in other provinces, is very remarkable when it is remembered that a check was placed on the expenditure on the outbreak in 1857.

## XVI. Departmental Notices.

### NO PENSIONS TO COMMON SCHOOL TEACHERS UNLESS THEY SUBSCRIBE TO THE FUND.

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